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National Overseas Scholarship for SC Students
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Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has reviewed the allocation of funds under the National Overseas Scholarships for SC students;

(b) if so, the details and outcome thereof;

(c) the funds allocated and released under the said scheme during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise;

(d) the manner in which the Government would ensure proportionate allocation of funds for such students; and

(e) the action taken so far by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
(SHRI VIJAY SAMPLA)
(a) & (b): No, the government has not reviewed the allocation of funds under the National Overseas Scholarship for students. However, the budgetary allocation was enhanced to `15.00 crore for financial year 2016-17 from `6.12 crore allocated for financial year 2015-16.

(c): The details of budgetary allocation and utilization during the last 3 years and current year so far are as under:

Year	Budget Allocation `(in Crore)	Amount Released `(in Crore)
2014-15	6.00	8.78
2015-16	6.12	13.45
2016-17	15.00	14.02
2017-18	15.00	0.02*

Under the scheme of National Overseas Scholarship for SC Students, state-wise allocation of funds is not made.

*Authorization for `3.00 crore made to Ministry of External affairs on 13.07.2017

(d) & (e): Does not arise since scholarship amount due to the student is paid through the mission in the country where he/ she is studying as per the rules prescribed in scheme guidelines.